

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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CSMA CARD HOLDERS
Acharia Shri Basudeb

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Central Services Medical Attendance (CSMA) Rules 1944 card holders are not extended the facilities which are being provided to the CGHS card holders ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to recognize different hospitals under CGHS across the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken/ proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) Central Government employees and pensioners are issued CGHS cards for availing CGHS facilities in the city in which they are staying. For availing CGHS facilities, they have to contribute. CS(MA) Rules, 1944 are for those Central Government employees who are staying in places/cities not covered by CGHS. For availing benefit under the Rules, they are not required to contribute from their pay. No card is issued to beneficiaries under CS(MA) Rules, 1944.

(c)to(e) Government had invited applications during March-April, 2004, from private hospitals and diagnostic centers for empanelment under Central Government Health Scheme(CGHS) in all CGHS covered cities and also for fixation of rates for various procedures afresh. Rates payable at empanelled hospitals/diagnostic centers for various medical/test procedures have been revised from 1st November, 2006, for CGHS, Delhi, and in June, 2007 in respect of other cities, only on the basis of rates quoted by hospitals/diagnostic centers themselves.

The process of empanelment of private hospitals/diagnostic centers is now continuous and any eligible hospital/diagnostic centre can apply at any time for empanelment thus enlarging the scope for availability of hospital services to the beneficiaries.